



St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!
¡Invitando a las personas a participar activamente en la Vida de Cristo!

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According to today's Gospel,

the mystery the wise men of the East wished to solve was the birthplace of the King of the Jews For Saint Paul, the mystery revealed by the Holy Spirit consists in that "the Gentiles are coheirs" of the same inheritance God promised Today, on this great solemnity of Epiphany, the Church celebrates the revelation of our Savior to all nations, represented by the encounter with the three wise men who travel from the East to see the newborn babe in the manger in Bethlehem Customary symbols accompany the celebration: the star that guides the wise men, the light the Child Jesus is for all who search for peace, and the meeting of believers and non-believers God calls us together to gather us in his love, and he calls us to become one family where peace and reconciliation reign How do we welcome our neighbors and friends who do not share our faith? Have we tried meeting with the leaders of other communities, Christian and non-Christian alike, to give thanks to God for all the good things we share in our society?



Según el evangelio de hoy, el misterio que querían resolver los magos de Oriente era el lugar de nacimiento del Rey de los judíos Para san Pablo, el misterio revelado por el Espíritu Santo

consiste en que "los gentiles son coherederos" de la misma herencia de Dios prometido Hoy, en esta gran solemnidad de la Epifanía, la Iglesia celebra la revelación de nuestro Salvador a todas las naciones, representada por el encuentro con los tres reyes magos que viajan desde Oriente para ver al recién nacido en el pesebre de Belén. Los símbolos habituales acompañan al celebración: la estrella que guía a los Reyes Magos, la luz que el Niño Jesús es para todos los que buscan la paz, y el encuentro de creyentes y no creyentes. Dios nos convoca a reunimos en su amor, y nos llama a Conviértase en una familia donde reine la paz y la reconciliación. ¿Cómo damos la bienvenida a nuestros vecinos y amigos que no comparten nuestra fe? ¿Hemos intentado reunimos con los líderes de otras comunidades, tanto cristianas como no cristianas, para darle gracias a Dios por todas las cosas buenas que compartimos en nuestra sociedad?

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
11:00 am (Español)

Nursing Home Masses - 2:00 pm

1st Thursday - All St. Johns Locations
2nd Thursday - Good Samaritan
3rd Thursday - Thorne Crest

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm ♦ **Sunday:** 1/2 hour before Mass

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHAPEL

Open all hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Closed Friday

Offices Close Daily

- 9:00-9:45 am for Mass (except Monday)
- 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

The Catholic Shoppe ♦ Parish Office

- 1:00-4:00 pm
- Monday-Thursday

FROM THE DESK OF FR. KURT



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which means that God is made manifest.

There are traditionally three events that are associated with this feast, the arrival of the three Kings, the Baptism of our Lord, and the wedding feast of Cana.

These events all reveal God being made manifest to us in the person of His Son Jesus Christ. Gift giving, baptisms, and weddings are times when we can feel love being generated and this makes us feel good and happy. God wants us to have a similar experience as we celebrate together God manifesting himself amongst us in the Mass, by sharing with us His body and His Blood.

In this cruel world that we live in it is so difficult to imagine a God who is pure love, and yet if we allow ourselves to be embraced by the manifestation of God's love for us, we in turn can be the manifestation of God's love for others. In so many ways I witness each of you manifesting God's love for your families and for the needs of others. You inspire me to keep the faith and continue my own efforts to be the manifestation of love as a priest.

I also want to personally thank all of you for the wonderful expression of your love for me this Christmas and for all wonderful gifts, cards and goodies.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Jan 9	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Charles Perry by family	Church Church
Wed Jan 10	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass For all Parishioners	Church Church
Thurs Jan 11	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass For all the pour souls in Purgatory	Church Church
Fri Jan 12	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † For the special intentions of the living family members of Elaine & Ray Nemec	Church Church
Sat Jan 13	4pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary Mass Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Jan 14	8:30 am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass For all Parishioners Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

We pray for the following family who mourn the loss of their loved one:

- **Delores Joann Weller** (died December 27, 2023)

We pray the Lord will bring their souls peace, mercy and eternal rest and comfort for their families during this difficult time.



2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (12/22/23)	\$52,578.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Dec 28-31, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$22,931.50	\$1,573.63	\$3,020.00

January 1, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$150.00	\$110.00	\$5.00

Salvation Army Food Donation Nov-Dec 126 lbs

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 1/8	Is 42:1-4, 6-7	Mk 1:7-11
Tues: 1/9	1 Sm 1:9-20	Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1/10	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	Mk 1:29-39
Thu: 1/11	1 Sm 4:1-11	Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1/12	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1/13	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1	Mk 2:13-17
Sun: 1/14	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10	1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Jan 21	† Louis Yost by family & friends Additional Sponsors Needed
Jan 28	Sponsors Needed
Feb 4	Sponsors Needed

Diocese of Winona-Rochester

Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy).

Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number.

Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dowr.org.



Winter Weather Cancellations: In the event that school is canceled, all parish activities are also canceled and the parish office is also closed. If school starts late or closes early, the parish will follow the same practice. We will also advertise closings through KATE Radio 1450 am, KAAL TV, Flocknote Texts & emails, and Church Door Signage.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Jan 8	Loaves and Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues Jan 9	Revival Team Meeting 10:30 AM Endowment Board Meeting 5:15-7:15pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Parish Meeting Room Church
Wed Jan 10	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Take Down Christmas Decorations 5:30-6:30pm Faith Formation Class 5-11th Grade 6:30-8pm Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church School Church
Thurs Jan 11	Father Teaches 2nd-3rd grade 8:25-8:45am Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm Knights Meeting 6:30-8pm	School Church Church Basement
Fri Jan 12	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church/Chapel Church
Sat Jan 13	No Additional Activities	
Sun Jan 14	Faith Formation Class PreK-4th Grade 10-10:55am	School

Missionaries in Christ's Church

As Catholics, Christ has called us all to carry out His mission. We don't have to travel to foreign lands to be missionaries for Christ. Serving those in our local parish by sharing our gifts and talents makes us missionaries. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in serving the parish on one of the following ways:


- ◆ Loaves and Fishes Volunteer
- ◆ Accompanist for Weekend Masses
- ◆ Cantor for Weekend Masses
- ◆ Eucharistic Minister
- ◆ Homebound Eucharistic Minister
- ◆ Nursing Home Eucharistic Minister
- ◆ Church Grounds Landscaping
- ◆ Parish Office Volunteer
- ◆ Sacristan
- ◆ Lectors
- ◆ Ushers
- ◆ Servers
- ◆ Church Dusting
- ◆ Faith Formation Helper
- ◆ Funeral Meal Helper
- ◆ School Lunchroom Helper
- ◆ School Office Volunteer Sub

Eucharistic Daily Reflection

Grow closer to Christ in the Eucharist with [My Daily Visitor: Eucharist](https://www.mydailyvisitor.com/). By signing up, you will receive a daily email with a video and the day's reflection, which will guide you to a deeper love of Christ through prayer, Scripture, and the examples of the saints. *My Daily Visitor: Eucharist* is perfect for Eucharistic adoration, prayer groups, or personal quiet time. Join today and ignite your relationship with Jesus in the holy Eucharist at <https://www.mydailyvisitor.com/>

Sign up today to receive your first reflection tomorrow!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday, January 13, 2024	Sunday, January 14, 2024
	5:15 pm	9:00am
Accompanist	Aaron Bartz	Ada Theusch
Cantor	Jodi Blong	Betsy Schultz
Lectors	Lois Ahern	Otten's
Servers	Kyle & Matthew Ramirez	Ethan Chrissinger, Sawyer Holt & Blake Redman

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Classes Resume

PreK-4th Grade: Sunday January 7th
5th-11th Grades: Wednesday, January 10th

Seeking a Preschool Catechist!

Please contact Irene if you're interested in teaching the Preschool class (3 - 5 year olds) Sunday mornings from 10-11am. Thank you!

Save the Date!

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024
Special Faith Formation Supper for parents & 5th-11th grade students.
6:30pm Meal in Marian Hall ♦ Class to follow ♦ Dismissal 8:00 PM

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org 507-373-5254

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hey, 7th-12th Graders! New year, new Youth Group activities!

Be sure to check the bulletin often for future event dates and times! We'll be getting together again in January, after the holidays. Any students interested in holding a leadership role (planning activities, games, snacks), or adults who'd like to help assist with Youth Group, please contact Irene!

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Memory Café is a safe place for people with memory loss and their caregivers to come and enjoy activities, share conversation, learn, and feel connected. This free program is open to anyone. Please join us!

Second Monday of the Month: 11:00 AM,
Albert Lea Senior Center at the Skyline Mall, 1739 W Main St.

Second Thursday of the Month: 2:00 PM,
Freeborn County Historical Museum, 1031 Bridge Ave
For more information, contact the Albert Lea Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce at 507-373-3938.



Church Decorating Helpers Still Needed

Taking down (1/10/24 5:30-6:30 PM)
Go to sttheo.org to sign up or contact the parish office!

The Holy Father's Intention for January 2024 FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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